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Kissinger Speech Called a Signal

Washington

High-ranking administration officials said yesterday that Henry A. Kissinger's call for "a new Atlantic Charter" was meant to signal Western European leaders that President Nixon wants to sign a major document of agreed principles when he visits their countries later this year.

In separate interviews, the officials said that Kissinger, the President's adviser on national security, was not being "rhetorical" in his speech at an Associated Press meeting in New York Monday.

Rather, they said, Mr. Nixon envisions a concrete new document emerging in coming months that will set forth the general lines that will govern inter-allied relations in future years.

They said that Mr. Nixon contemplates a "new charter" similar in format to the "basic principles" that he signed in Moscow last May with Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist party leader.

In that 12-point Moscow document, the two leaders pledged to conduct relations "on the basis of peaceful coexistence." The agreement included a number of agreed goals.

One high official said Mr. Nixon decided to press for adoption of a document of principles to which all countries could adhere.

According to the administration expectations the substance of the document — the new Atlantic charter — will be discussed this summer within the western alliance through regular diplomatic channels, so that by the time Mr. Nixon makes what he has called "a grand tour" of Europe late this year, it will be ready for signature.

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